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SUBJECT: ANTITRUST: FTC/NESTLE CASE

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- 1. E/C COUNSELOR MET WITH AMBASSADOR JACOBI OF SWISS DIVISION OF COMMERCE SEPTEMBER 11 TO DISCUSS REFTEL. JACOBI WELCOMED INFORMATION AND CHARACTERIZED FTC CHAIRMAN ENGMAN'S MEETING WITH NESTLE OFFICIALS SEPTEMBER 5 AS "MOST POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT".
- 2. JACOBI SAID THAT DIVISION OF COMMERCE HAS SUBMITTED TO FEDERAL COUNCIL DRAFT RESPONSE TO PARLIAMENTARY POSTULAT (NON-BINDING RESOLUTION) OFFERED BY
 NATIONAL COUNCILOR EISENRING (AND 17 OTHERS) RE FTC/
 NESTLE CASE, JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE TREATY, AND UNSPECIFIED DISCRIMINATION AGAINST SWISS FIRMS IN US (BERN
 2160 AND 1176). PROPOSED RESPONSE ARGUES THAT THERE
 IS NO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST SWISS FIRMS UNDER APPLICATION US DOMESTIC LAW; SWISS SUBSIDIARIES IN US ENCOUNTER
 NO SPECIAL PROBLEMS; GOS HAS FOLLOWED FTC/NESTLE CASE
 AND HAS HAD CONTACT WITH USG AUTHORITIES; AND THERE IS
 AND SHOULD BE NO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PROPOSED RATIFICATION JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE TREATY WHICH IS IN MUTUAL
 INTEREST SWITZERLAND AND US AND UNRELATED QUESTION OF
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SWISS INVESTMENT IN US. FOLLOWING FEDERAL COUNCIL

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED RESPONSE, WRITTEN SUBMISSION WILL BE MADE TO PARLIAMENT AND MATTER WILL BE DEBATED ONLY IF REQUESTED BY MEMBER OF NATIONAL COUNCIL AT TIME POSTULAT APPEARS ON AGENDA. JACOBI NOTED THAT NO DIRECT REFERENCE WOULD BE MADE TO FTC DECISION NOTED REFTEL ALTHOUGH THIS ACTION WOULD BE EXTREMELY HELPFUL AND WAS APPRECIATED. PERCIVAL

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